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New Hampshire Veterans Home and Belmont Rotary Club Announce Entertainment Line-up for Servicemen's Club – *Remember When* Event on Saturday, October 28, 2006

TILTON, NH – July 27, 2006 – The New Hampshire Veterans Home and the Belmont Rotary Club are pleased to announce that Annie and the Orphans will be headlining the entertainment for the first Servicemen's Club – *Remember When* event that will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford. The partnership celebration is a social event for men and women of all ages, both veterans and non-veterans, to honor those who have served and those who are currently serving in the armed forces. Annie and the Orphans is one of New England's favorite rock and roll acts who have been entertaining fans of all ages for over 40 years with their unique blend of music from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

The evening will also feature entertainment by Bean Hill Bluegrass Band and the Belmont High School Jazz Band and Singers under the leadership of Raymond Craigie as well historical display items that will be showcased by members of the World War II Living History Association. The Bean Hill Bluegrass Band plays a smooth traditional style of bluegrass with fresh and creative arrangements. Their music has been influenced by legends such as the late Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, Ralph Stanley and others.

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Servicemen's clubs have been in operation both at home and abroad since World War I. The facilities provide service men and women with the opportunity to enjoy some comforts of home by socializing in a relaxed environment filled with entertainment and refreshments. The event is the brainchild of Robert A. Lemay who is a local certified public accountant and a member of the Belmont Rotary Club.

"I was watching a television commercial a few months ago in which an elderly gentleman was speaking about veterans who suffer from asbestos related diseases. It made me think about my own experiences as a veteran and the fact that I was fortunate to serve and to return to a country that provides us with freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Lemay explained.

"It also made me think about Rotary and our motto "Service above Self". Veterans exemplified that motto by putting service to their country above concern for themselves. I think it is appropriate that we should give back to those men and women who put their lives on the line for us and are now residing in our veterans' homes. Servicemen's Club "Remember When" is an opportunity for all of us to come together, reminisce and support our veterans and our local community," said Lemay.

Tickets to the event are \$25.00 each and are available for sale in Tilton at the New Hampshire Veterans Home and in Belmont at M&Js Restaurant, LaPointe's Barber Shop or through members of the Belmont Rotary Club. Proceeds from the event will be contributed to the New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund and to the Belmont Rotary Club charities. Businesses and organizations are invited to participate as sponsors by purchasing an advertisement in the event program. Various levels of sponsorship ranging from \$50 - \$1,000 are available.

For additional information about the event or to become a sponsor or a volunteer, you may contact Robert Lemay at rlemay@metrocast.net or Lisa-Marie Mulkern at lisa-marie.mulkern@nhvh.nh.gov or call (603) 527-4400 for more information.

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About the New Hampshire Veterans Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home (“NHVH”) was initially established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier’s Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility in its countryside setting is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State’s elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans. The New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund enhances the residents’ quality of life through a variety of donor supported programs, activities and equipment.

As a professional health care provider, NHVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents’ quality of life. NHVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy.

Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous veteran service organizations to enrich our residents’ lives. In 2004, NHVH opened the 100-person Life Enhancement Dementia Unit to serve the long-term care needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer’s and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition will enable NHVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents.

Additional information is available online at our website www.nh.gov/veterans

About the Belmont Rotary Club

The Belmont Rotary Club is a part of Rotary International – a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace throughout the world. Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community’s business and professional men and women.

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The main objective of Rotary is service – in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world.

Additional information about Rotary International is available online at www.rotary.org

The Belmont Rotary Club has been actively serving the local community since it was chartered on June 14, 1988. Members of the Belmont Rotary Club provide both financial and moral support to people of the community who are in need during times of crisis. Fundraising efforts have provided scholarship and summer camp programs for local young people as well as support to local families during the holiday season. In 2005, the Belmont Rotary Club celebrated a major fundraising success with the completion of the new bathhouses at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

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